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New budget ups property taxes by 5%

SPENDING Edmonton city council has approved a new budget that increases taxes, provides more money for policing and still in-cludes funds for neighbourhood renewal.

Homeowners will see their property taxes go up five per cent in 2010, with three per cent of that going to city services, including police. Chief Mike Boyd had

called on the city to increase police funding to help deal with an \$11-million debt. He warned that hundreds of jobs would have to be cut if an increase wasn't approved.

Most councillors appeared to accept the need for an increase, but didn't want to approve it at the expense of the renewal fund, which pays to fix sidewalks and roads.

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barcode for?

City hall There they go a-caroling



The ladies of the Eastglen Senior High School choir perform at city hall yesterday. The performance was part of city hall's free lunchtime holiday concert series, which showcases holiday music every weekday at 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. until Dec. 18.

Pride in green record

Alta. minister shrugs off criticism before Copenhagen talks

Travel pg 21

Cruising into Central America



Despite recent criticism. Alberta's Environment Minister Rob Renner will attend the 2009 international climate summit in Copenhagen confident in Alberta's position on environmental issues.

MEGAN HERKERT for Metro Edmonton

"I'd like to say that I am going to Copenhagen as a proud Albertan," Renner said yesterday. "Protesters and those who posture will use the grand stage at



Copenhagen to launch low blows at our province.

"However, Alberta can hold its head high as a responsible major global energy producer already active to make real greenhouse gas reduction.

Renner remains clear on the pivotal role Alberta will have as a strong player in the Canadian economy.

"As one of North Amerimost experienced greenhouse regulators and one of the world's largest energy producers, we need to be there," explained Renner.

'Make no mistake, Alberta welcomes an ambitious agreement. It's halfmeasures that concern us.

"Our role there is to provide advice and comment to Canada, to ensure that the key initiatives from Alberta's perspective are being addressed in the climate agreement."

A recent report by Dr. David Schindler suggested that oilsands emission monitoring has been ineffective. Renner and his team of experts maintain that the current assessment techniques are adequate.

Despite his confidence, Renner and his associates assure that they will be taking Schindler's report into consideration in the future. The team also hopes to ensure the funding for further emission-reducing technology Copenhagen. with files from

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Two men hospitalized after blaze at Lilydale plant

VICTORIA HANDYSIDES



FIRE A Lilydale employee and a city firefighter are recovering after a fire early yesterday morning at the company's north-end processing plant.

When fire crews arrived just before 5 a.m. to Lilydale Foods (7727 -127 Ave.) they discovered smoke and flames coming from a shed behind the building.

The fire was quickly extinguished, leaving crews to contain an ammonia leak that is believed to have contributed to the incident.

Edmonton Fire Services' Air Monitoring Unit assisted and determined neighbouring businesses and residents were in no dan-

Employees arriving at work were corralled on a city bus to keep warm from frigid temperatures

Both men taken to hospital received minor injuries related to ammonia exposure. The injured firefighter suffered skin irritation and minor chemical burns, city spokesman Timothy Wilson said yesterday.

Damage estimates are not yet known and the exact cause of the fire has not yet been determined.

Lilydale spokeswoman Connie Smart said though structural damages were minimal, production was halted for the day. "We're doing as best we can and we're waiting for more information to find out how to proceed," Smart said.

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Our Lady Peace tickets going on sale

Our Lady Peace, left, is coming to Edmonton May 7 and 8. The show will recreate the band's Clumsy and Spiritual Machines records in their entirety on two separate nights at the Edmonton Events Centre. Both full-album performances will be followed by a set of Our Lady Peace hits. Tickets go on sale this Friday at Ticketmaster.

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Edmonton tweets

@hilary-Where in #yeg could I get a "No Flyers" sticker for my mailbox?

• @shezug Just left the Dollarama. What does Code 7 mean? Cashier kept saying it....twas nervous making. #yeg



Video Small Nova Scotia town mourns boy who died from hypothermia after being lost for two days at metronews.ca/canada Blogs SpinDoctor on how

Stephen Harper became the world's newest villain on climate change



Charities hit hard by cold

Arrival of chilly weather causes shortages of supplies for homeless

VICTORIA HANDYSIDES 🥂

Bitter cold could not have arrived at a worse time for the city's homeless, who have to bear the elements in handouts, draining the supplies of local charities to next to nothing.

"Our mission-van drivers were handing out the last blankets they had last night," Hope Mission spokesman Peter Gerber said yesterday.

With wind chills hovering around the -35 C range for the past few days, Gerber said the charity knows there are many who choose not to come in out of the cold.

The mission can accommodate around 700 people per night and is currently housing around 600.

"Yours and my logic to come in out of the cold doesn't make sense for some of the folks that need help and intervention just to stay alive," he said, adding the charity is in desperate need of blankets, socks and gloves. "Those articles represent a significant factor in the security



Ed Madge with the Hope Mission hands out some hot chocolate and a bag lunch to Steven Boucher yesterday near a north-end bottle depot.

and safety of those unable to fend for themselves."

Neighbouring charities are experiencing massive shortages of their own, representatives said yesterday.

"We have a couple weeks worth left but that's it, and the cold is just beginning," said Bissell Centre spokeswoman Jessica Smith-Perry.

Like many charities, the

Bissell Centre can only allow recipients to take one of each article, though many are forced to wear layers in frigid tempera-

"Yesterday we just about ran out; we had less than a day's worth," said Boyle Street Co-op executive director Julian Daly, adding the season's first major cold

snap drove up demand considerably. "The winter came so quickly and so brutally, it took everyone in Edmonton by surprise, to some ex-

To donate to the Hope Mission, call (780) 422-2018. To donate to the Bissell Centre, call 471-6644. To donate to the Boyle Street Co-op. call (780) 424-4106.

Open house held for city's Expo bid

MEGAN HERKERT



2017 The city and citizens are on board with Expo 2017, if a visit to yesterday's open house for the event was any indication.

Organizers of the Expo 2017 bid held a public viewing at the University of Alberta's Foote Field, which allowed the public to see the plans and ask questions while organizers and volunteers were on hand.

Organizers were pleased that the city budget was passed yesterday, as it will provide \$500,000 to the project.

"The city's budget was approved and part of that budget was a submission for the next phase of work for the Expo bid," said event organizer Barb Ireland, who is hopeful about the proposal and sees the Expo as an opportunity for the whole city.

"We see that it would be a way to accelerate the growth and development in the city of Edmonton.

Citizens who came out for the viewing seemed inspired by the project.

"I think it's a great idea. I grew up in Montreal, I went to Expo '67, (and) it was a wonderful time. And I think now, or upcoming in 2017, it would be spectacular to bring the Expo back to Canada and Edmonton," said viewer Laura Severs.

News in brief

CRIME A co-operative effort by police and drug units led to the arrests of two 28-year-old men following an investigation. On Dec. 2. the two Edmonton residents were arrested after

police seized drugs such as cocaine and ecstacy tablets and stolen goods. Both men have been released on bail and are scheduled to appear in court to face drug-related charges.

COMMUTE Traffic at major intersections on 111 Street will stall periodically today as crews test the new south LRT tracks. Between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.. east and westbound intersections along the following 111 Street locations will be affected: 29A Avenue, 34 Avenue, 37 Avenue, 40 Avenue, 43 Avenue, 51 Avenue, 54 Avenue and 57 METRO EDMONTON Avenue.



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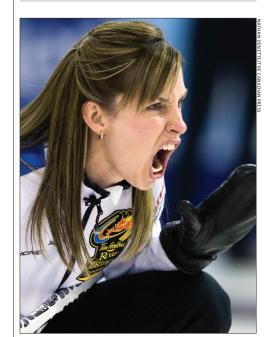
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Skip Crystal Webster reacts while playing against Team Jones during the 2009 Canadian Olympic Curling Trials in Edmonton yesterday. Webster recently gave birth to a daughter.

Olympic hopefuls juggle curling, kids

While some of the competitors at the Canadian Olympic curling trials have their hands full simply trying to land takeouts on the ice, others are busy using theirs to take out dirty diapers.

A number of the women, and some of the men, competing in Edmonton this week are parents of young children. Calgary skip Crystal

Calgary skip Crystal rink on the Webster is among them. Webster, who earned her spot at the Olympic trials by winning a qualible ready to go for fying event in Prince

George, B.C., Crystal Webster, last month, is Calgary skip the proud mother of six-month-old Mo

mother of six-month-old Reece Dawn.

And the 34-year-old Webster readily admits she's lost many a night of sleep since her second child was born.

"I don't raise great sleepers so in the bonspiel circuit and stuff when she's travelling with us, it definitely affects the sleep a little bit," Webster said with a smile.

With that in mind, little Reece Dawn is being watched this week by family members who don't have a spot at the 2010 Olympics hanging in the balance.

When asked if it was difficult to physically get back on the ice after her second daughter was born, Webster said she lucked out on the timing.

"She was born end of May, so I had three, four months in the off-season to get ready physically to be ready to go for ice time," she said. "It felt normal starting off the season."

While Webster, who surprised many by upsetting 2006 Olympic bronze medallist Shannon Kleibrink on the first day of

competition
in Edmonton,
had some
time to get
back in game
shape following her delivery, Thunder
Bay, Ont.,
skip Krista
McCarville
wasn't quite

so fortunate. McCarville, who also qualified for the Olympic trials with her performance at the Prince George event last month, gave birth just weeks earlier to

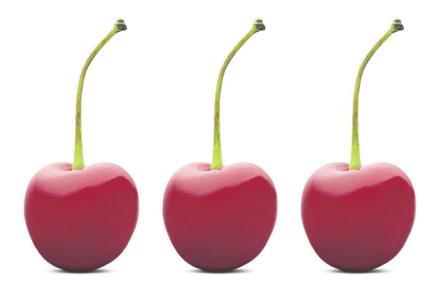
now 10-week-old Isabella. "It's difficult still to get out and shoot rocks every day," McCarville said.

"But I have a really supportive family, supportive husband and my team is really supportive. I can bring (Isabella) down to the club and they watch her while I shoot rocks."

McCarville, a 27-year-old who has skipped Ontario at three Scotties Tournament of Hearts, said she's also been helped by the fact that Isabella is a sound sleeper.

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Man charged with uttering threats on anti-feminist blog

The author of an anti-feminist blog was expected in Montreal court yesterday to face charges of uttering death threats, CBC News Online reports. Jean-Claude Rochefort, 60, is accused of uttering threats against women from April to December 2009. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Canada



Mother shot in front of child

Toronto police were searching for a male suspect yesterday in the slaying of 45-year-old Laura Rios, left, shot dead in front of her little girl. The two-year-old child, who was in a vehicle nearby, was not injured during the Monday night shooting and police said she is in a "safe place." Rios was arriving home about 8:45 p.m. and organizing herself to get out of the car when the gunman fired.

Beware of warming, UN tells Canada

Agency notes avalanche, tornado numbers



The United Nations weather agency's sobering forecast that this decade may rank as the warmest since records were first kept in 1850 could turn up the heat on Canada.

The news — which also said 2009 could be one of the five warmest years ever recorded by scientists — comes as the Harper government faces heavy criticism at home and abroad to do more to fight climate change.

But Canada's top climate envoy says the UN report doesn't crank up the pressure to get a deal done in Copenhagen.

"I think it is simply that, a re-confirmation of what we know," said Michael Martin, the chief climatechange negotiator.

"We know that the science is clear and that we need to take urgent action."

If there was any ray of sunshine poking through the gloomy forecast, it was that only Canada and the United States experienced cooler conditions than average.

January's average temperature in the Great Lakes region was colder than normal

But the UN agency still noted troubling signs of warming across Canada.

Vancouver and Victoria set hot-weather records in late July. A record number of tornadoes whipped across Ontario, killing a record number of people. And avalanches were almost double the yearly average for the past decade.

The warming effects have also been felt in the North.

Arctic sea ice has been melting for three decades. The biggest thaws come during the summer melt season.

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Halifax Rescued autistic boy dies



Jocelyn Vine, vice-president at the IWK Health Centre, announces the death of seven-year-old James Delorey in Halifax yesterday. The autistic child, who wandered away from his rural home on Saturday, died of severe hypothermia early yesterday morning.

News in brie

TELEVISION For the third time, the CRTC is examining whether conventional broadcasters should be paid fees by the ca-

ble and satellite companies for the privilege of carrying their channels.

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Dziekanski Taser use 'inappropriate'

RCMP The use of an RCMP Taser against Robert Dziekanski at Vancouver's airport was "inappropriate" and the explanations of the four officers involved weren't credible, says the force's independent watchdog.

The Commission for Public Complaints Against the RCMP released a harshly critical report yesterday into what happened the night Dziekanski died in October 2007, criticizing nearly every aspect of the officers' response.

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Good call

Boost tax benefits for poor: Report

A Senate report on poverty says tax benefits for the poor should be increased to give them a guaranteed income equal to what is called the low-income cutoff line.

The report from the social affairs committee urges a federal minimum wage of \$10 and says that child tax benefits should gradually rise to \$5,000.

The report says government's goal should be to get people out of poverty, rather than trying to make poverty more manageable.

The 74 recommendations in the 290-page report cover

Support programs

• The report urges concerted federal and provincial efforts to keep teens in school, help with post-secondary education and provide more support for people in training programs.

everything from the general problems of getting people off welfare, to social housing, help for aborigi-nals and refugees and a federal-provincial strategy for early childhood education.

The report says the country's system for lifting peo-

ple out of poverty is broken and needs overhaul.

It says existing programs often have "unintended perverse effects" which actually help trap people in poverty.

At the same time, these programs don't provide enough to ensure the poor can meet basic needs.

The report says governments can help.

It points out that programs to help seniors out of poverty have been enor-mously successful, suggesting that this can be extended to other groups.

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Quebec Olympic torch enters Mohawk town



Alwyn Morris, a 1984 Olympic gold medallist, shares the Olympic flame with local children yesterday as he carries it through the Mohawk town of Kahnawake south of Montreal.

Court grills U.S. lawyer in Conrad Black case

LAW Justices on the U.S. Supreme Court are asking tough questions about the fraud conviction of Canadian business mogul Conrad

The questions suggest that the federal law that helped convict him may be too vague.

Black, who's serving a 6½-year prison sentence for mail fraud and obstruction of justice, wasn't present for the hearing because he cannot be released on bail.

Black's lawyer, Miguel Estrada, argued that the law is so vague that it gives prosecutors free rein to prosecute and convict any conduct that looks suspicious.

Several justices - including the court's newest member, Sonia Sotomayor appeared to agree.

They peppered federal government lawyer Michael Dreeben with questions about the socalled honest services law that's commonly used to prosecute corporate executives for fraud.

Justice Stephen Brever was particularly forceful, suggesting that under the law a U.S. employee could be charged for going to a baseball game on company time because prosecutors could argue the worker was depriving his employee of honest services.

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News in brief

TOBACCO The B.C. Court of Appeal has opened the door for the federal government to share blame with tobacco companies for smoking-related health-care costs incurred by the province. But the decision handed down only gives the tobacco companies a very narrow opening to have Ottawa share financial responsibility in the massive health-care cost recovery case.

COMBAT STRESS The stress of combat in war-torn

Afghanistan hasn't stopped Canadian soldiers from showing up for work, according to new Canadian Forces figures on sick days. Sick leave for post-traumatic stress disorder dropped from about 850 days per 1,000 soldiers in 2004, to about 350 days per 1,000 soldiers in 2008.

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An ultralight plane made a brief emergency landing on a highway near Canada North Bay, Ont. It took off again after the problem was fixed. THE CANADIAN PRESS

NDP laughs at Iggy over pension plan

Layton has said it all already, party says

Michael Ignatieff unveiled proposals yesterday aimed at providing urgent help to people left in "catastrophic" financial straits due to Canada's pension "crisis."

But if the situation is so urgent, critics asked, why did the Liberal leader wait until just before parliament's six-week Christmas break to echo proposals made by NDP Leader Jack Layton two months ago.

Layton's office issued a mock Liberal news release entitled: "How to write Liberal policy: Take an NDP release, put the leader's name on it and reannounce it a couple of months later."

Ignatieff said: "We've

"We don't want more talking. We need some action right now."

Michael Ignatieff

been working on this for more than a year. These are complicated issues so you want to get them right," he said.

Ignatieff said the proposals were also timed to stir debate in advance of the Dec. 17-18 pension summit of federal and provincial finance ministers Whitehorse.

The Liberals are propos-

ing:
• Creation of a supplemen———

tary Canada Pension Plan. to enable Canadians to voluntarily invest extra mon

Give employees with stranded pensions following the bankruptcy of their company the option of having the CPP take over management of their pension assets.

· Give Canadians on longterm disability pensions priority status as creditors in cases of bankruptcy.

"We're already in a pensions crisis and as our population gets older, this problem is going to get worse," said Ignatieff.

"We don't want more talking. We need some action right now."

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Inuit want a share of global warming tund

CLIMATE The head of Canada's main Inuit organization says her people deserve a share of any global fund created to help countries adapt to a warming

Mary Simon, head of Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami, says money should be

that are at risk in both developing and developed countries.

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A 'corrupt petrostate'

Climate index ranks Canada 59th out of 60 countries



Stephen Harper arrives at the Copenhagen climate conference next week here's hoping security is better than it was Monday when Greenpeace managed to crawl all over the Parliament Buildings unmolested.

Good thing Greenpeace is not a terrorist organiza-

The real bad boy, say environmentalists, is Canada itself. Traditionally boring at worst, we have somehow acquired the status of rogue nation, like Iran. And if you think I exagger-Guardian columnist and climate crusader George Monbiot: "The immediate threat

to the global effort to sustain a peaceful and stable world comes

not from SauThe real bad boy, Huh?

sands and it nation, like Iran." makes him

say inflammatory things: "So here I am, watching the astonishing spectacle of a beautiful, cultured nation turning itself into a corrupt petrostate."

petrostate" "Corrupt may be a bit harsh, but we are the only signatory to the Kyoto accord to abandon our commitment to cut greenhouse gas emissions. Instead, says Monbiot, we've actually increased by 26 per cent.

The climate change performance index ranks Canada 59th out of 60, just ahead of last-place Saudi Arabia. that green paragon.

Until cently, Harp-Iran or China. say environmentaler was blithe-It comes from ists, is Canada itself. ly indifferent to all this cli-**Traditionally boring** mate change Monbiot is at worst, we have nonsense and shocked and appalled by Alberta's oilwasn't planning to show up at Copen-hagen. Maybe

> being treated like the Kim Jong Il of climate change and doesn't want Canada declared Fossil of the Year for the third year in a row by the international environmental movement. Three-peat!

he's tired of

I suspect it's about what it's always about, the polls: 64 per cent of Canadians say rich nations have a responsibility to commit to tougher targets than developing countries. And Harper's plan to march lockstep with the Americans on climate has fallen flat as 81 per cent say Canada should act independently of the U.S.

So Harper's commitment to stay the corrupt petrostate course is causing him grief wherever humans breathe the air. He'll have to watch out for flying shoes and cream pies in Copenhagen. But that's all he's likely to do, as being a corrupt petrostate has its advantages, especially when the economic outlook is frostier than the weather forecast.

Meanwhile, the UN says this decade will likely be the warmest on record and as the ice melts, the oceans are rising 80 per cent higher than its 2001 forecast.

Good time to be treading water, eh?

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Barry



Worth mentioning

Feds and cities need to work together on warming: Report

A new report urges Ottawa to partner with cities to control greenhouse gases.

The report by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities says municipalities have direct or indirect con-

over about 44 per cent of Canada's overall greenhouse

That's because municipal governments wield much control over urban and rural development, transportation, economic activity and energy use.

"There is a large, untapped potential to reduce municipal greenhouse-gas emissions and these reductions can be achieved at a low cost compared to other mitigation options," the report says.

The federal government aims to reduce emissions 20 per cent from 2006 levels by 2020.

The report says municipalities could make up 15 to 40 per cent of that feder-

al goal. To that

Go Green

end, the report outlines several measures munici-

palities could take, including:

Improving the energy efficiency of buildings, fleets and facilities;

 Recycling garbage as well as capturing gas at

landfill sites;

· Building and retrofitting private buildings;

 Reducing the number of vehicles on the road through, for example, user THE CANADIAN PRESS

Word on the street: How well did the media handle the Tiger Woods affair?

Alex Maissan

A: I think it was overblown. I mean. it only lasted for a day, but I saw it looked and it drove me bonkers. It's my personal opinion that media sensa tionalizes a lot of

Ryan **Peters**

A: I actually hadn't heard too much about it, so I think maybe they could have done a better job of getting it out

Amanda **Bartram**

A: I feel he has been exploited just be-cause he is a celebrity, and if he wasn't a celebrity it wouldn't be as big of a deal. It hap-pens all the time

Cody Dueck

A: I think it's his husiness.





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Pope laments media coverage of evil

Pope Benedict XVI yesterday lamented what he described as a steady diet of news about evil in the world, saying it hardens hearts, as he prayed at Rome's Spanish Steps in a Christmas season tradition. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

World

The heat is on

UN agency says this decade warmest ever; only North America experienced cooler temps overall

This decade is on track to become the warmest since records began in 1850, and 2009 could rank among the top five warmest years, the UN weather agency reported yesterday on the second day of a pivotal 192-nation climate conference in Denmark

Only Canada and the U.S. experienced cooler conditions than average, the World Meteorological Organization said, although Alaska had the second-warmest July on record.

In central Africa and southern Asia, this will probably be the warmest year, but overall, 2009 will "be about the fifth-warmest year on record," said Michel Jarraud, secretary-general of the WMO.

The decade 2000 to 2009 "is very likely to be the on record, warmer than the 1990s, than the 1980s and so on.' Jarraud told a news confer-



ence, holding a chart with a temperature curve pointing upward. The second warmest decade was the

From 2007 to 2009, the summer melt reduced the Arctic Ocean ice cap to its smallest recorded.

In the 2007-2009 International Polar Year, researchers found that Antarctica is warming more than previously believed. Almost all glaciers worldwide are retreating.

Meanwhile, such destructive species as jelly-fish and bark-eating beetles are moving northward out of normal ranges, and expanding from warmth and glacier melt are encroaching on low-lying island states.

'Optimistic'

 UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon predicted yesterday that a robust agreement to combat climate change will be reached in Copenhagen and implemented immediately.

"From all corners of the globe we see unprecedented momentum for a deal," the UN chief told reporters. "I'm encouraged and I'm optimistic."

If 2009 ends as the fifthwarmest year, it would replace the year 2003.

According to the U.S. space agency NASA, the other warmest years since 1850 have been 2005, 1998, 2007 and 2006. NASA says the differences in readings among these years are so small as to be statistically insignificant.

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Philippines Martial law protested



An activist holds a mock axe to condemn martial law during a protest in Manila yesterday. Amnesty International called on the Philippine government to revoke martial law in Maquindanao province, where troops cracked down on a clan and its supporters blamed for the massacre of 57 people.

News in brief

FLU The British Medical Journal and Britain's Channel 4 are questioning the value of the class of drugs to which Tamiflu

belongs, saying there is little evidence to show the drugs reduce complications of seasonal THE CANADIAN PRESS

More than 11,000 killed by police?

BRAZIL Police in Rio de Janeiro and Sao Paulo have killed more than 11,000 people in the past six years, many in execution-style slayings, according to a report released vesterday by Human Rights Watch.

Few of the officers have been charged in the extrajudicial killings, which are often labelled in police reports as the deaths of suspects who resisted arrest, the report said.

The 122-page declaration echoes a 2008 UN finding that police throughout Brazil were responsible for a "significant portion" of 48,000 slayings the year THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Candymaker launches wage equity campaign

New Brunswick candymaker Ganong Brothers has launched a provincial project to involve employers and the public in reducing the wage gap between men and women. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Canwest Global to appear in court to defend speciality TV holdings

courts A lawyer for Canwest Global Communications Corp. says investment partner Goldman Sachs is hindering the company's restructuring

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process.

Lyndon Barnes told a Superior Court judge that a disagreement over the ownership of its media division that holds specialty TV assets could slow down the entire restructuring, which he calls a selfish move by Goldman to gain an unfair advantage.

The Wall Street invest-

ment bank says Canwest shifted around the TV assets within their operations without consulting them.

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Shoppers walk on glitzy Ginza shopping district, in Tokyo, Japan yesterday. Japan's government yesterday unveiled \$81 billion of new stimulus spending to keep the world's second-biagest economy from lurching back into recession.

Rates stay at historic low

The Bank of Canada is keeping its rates at historic lows, warning that while there are signs the economy is on the upswing, "significant fragilities remain."

Those fragilities manifested themselves in an economy that grew less than analysts expected in the third quarter of the year, and inflation that has been slightly higher than the central bank expected.

For those reasons, the Bank of Canada said yesterday its key overnight rate will remain unchanged at 0.25 per cent, effectively the lowest possible.

"While significant fragilities remain, global economic developments have been slightly more positive and the global outlook has improved modestly relative to the bank's projection in its October monetary policy report." the bank said in a release yesterday.

The Bank of Canada made an unusual commitment early this year to keep its key rates unchanged until the middle of 2010, but economists have speculated that might change if the economy grew too quickly and inflation threatened to get out of hand.

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Emery to undergo surgery

Flyers goalie Ray Emery will undergo surgery today to repair a torn muscle in his lower abdomen, and is expected to miss about six weeks. Philadelphia general manager Paul Holmgren made the announcement last night before the Flyers played the New York Islanders. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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New job for Messier

The Moose is taking his next management role with the national team. Mark Messier will be named Cana da's general manager for the 2010 IIHF World Hockey source told The Canadian Press.

Souray boosting Oilers

When big blue-liner's on the ice, opponents pay attention



here is life in the Copper and Blue and when a team is rolling, it's usually a good idea to look

to the top.

In the midst of a threegame winning streak, the Oilers are again looking like the team they were at the beginning of the year, and the recent return of defenceman Sheldon Souray from a concussion has certainly helped matters.

True, Souray only has one assist in those past three wins, but it's almost more important what he represents to the team and the opposition. That is to say, Souray is a weapon that must be guarded against and a minutemuncher who can relieve the pressure for team-

Back in his Montreal days, Souray was a tantalizing player who just needed a little seasoning to shore



Sheldon Souray has lifted the Oilers since his return from injury

up his defensive duties and avoid being turned inside-out by the NHL's more skilled rushers. Fast for-ward to Monday, with the balance of the game against the Florida Panthers in question and the Cats threatening late in the third period. Souray, now a savvy veteran, used his strength to fight off a Florida forechecker and poke the puck out of the Edmonton zone one-handed, forcing the Panthers to regroup, denying them what could have been a dangerous scoring chance.

He was also a physical force along the boards that night, keeping the Pan-thers honest and playing the style fans tend to appreciate more than the subtler aspects of the game.

The six-foot-four, pound defenceman best for his cannon known point shot has seven points in 14 games this season, which, on a points-pergame average, works out to be in line with some of his best years in the NHL. Plus, he's a well-spoken leader on a team that has seemed fragile at times. He is returning from a concussion, which is unfortunately kind of injury in that any additional trauma can multiply the severity of the symptoms, but if Souray is careful sorry, Shelly, but best not to drop the gloves this year there's still a lot of hockey to be played this season. Whether it's enough to get Edmonton into the playoffs is another matter.

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Bernard wins another close one to go 4-0

CURLING Cheryl Bernard hasn't made it easy on herself at the Canadian Olympic curling trials. The Calgary native con-

tinued her nail-biting play with a fourth-straight victory yesterday, stealing four points in the tenth end to seal a 9-7 win over

Kelly Scott.

"I'd like just one easy game," said Bernard after yet another heart-pound-

ing win.

With most experts pegging defending national women's champion Jen-nifer Jones or 2006 Olympic bronze medallist Shannon Kleibrink as the favourites to represent Canada at the 2010 Winter Games, Bernard has shown this week that she belongs.

She pulled off five-point double takeout to win one match and claimed another after a measure so close it had to be carried out three times. Bernard sits atop the leaderboard heading into play yester-

day with a 4-0 record. Bernard was trailing Scott 7-5 heading into the tenth end yesterday, but the Kelowna, B.C., native couldn't weave her final shot around Bernard's

2. Christian Gagnon

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13. Claude Brunelle

13. Sarah Jackson

 Edmonton's Kevin Martin won a key battle with Jeff Stoughton, picking up three in the fourth end and another three in the eighth in an 8-4 victory. Glenn Howard won his fourth straight game by beating Pat Simmons 7-4 and remains alone in first place after three days of competi-

well-positioned stones inside the house.
A skip for Alberta in

four Scotties Tournament of Hearts, Bernard has been with current teammates Susan O'Connor, Carolyn Darbyshire and Cori Bartel for the last four years.

The two Calgary rinks meet this morning in a showdown for first place. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Season over for Portis The Washington Redskins placed running back Clinton Portis on injured reserve yesterday, ending his season. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

'Hideous' rocks the centre of controversy

Players finding fault with equipment at curling trials

In a game where even a speck of dust can influence the final outcome, problems with something as significant as the curling rocks can prove to be a disaster.

The buzz at the Canadian Olympic curling trials is circulating around one set of yellow curling stones on Sheet A, which is causing nightmares for skips attempting to represent Canada at the 2010 Winter Olympics.

The ice is perfect but the rocks are hideous. They decided to go with a set of rocks they thought they knew and those rocks are just worn out," said former Brier and world cham-pion Wayne Middaugh, moments after losing to Edmonton's Kevin Martin and watching his record drop to 0-3.

'They're hideous set of rocks and across all four sheets I don't think anybody will tell you different," he added.

Glenn

struggled with the same set of rocks in his opening win over Jeff Stoughton Sunday, said it's hard to believe these are the same rocks used at the Brier in Calgary last March.

"It was a tough set. It was one of the toughest sets we played with this year but I'm kind of proud of the fact we won the game," Howard said. "We knew what the rocks were doing and we adjusted ac-

cordingly."
Said Martin: "I really wish the players had more say in the equipment we throw with and use. It's really hard if you look at it "I really wish the players had more say in the equipment we throw with and use. It's really hard if you look at it from a player's perspective."

Kevin Martin

a player's perspective." The head ice technician at the event, Hans Wuthrich, hadn't heard there was a problem and was at a loss to explain what could have hap-

pened.
"There were some rocks that we fixed -– they had that we fixed — they had little pits in them so we fixed them — but there shouldn't be those kind of differ-

ences in those rocks. I don't know where that's coming from or why, said Wuthrich. who is making at Olympics.

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Thrashers out to make the hockey world 'aware'

NHL The Atlanta Thrashers are looking forward to a

little attention.

Despite being one of the NHL's feel-good stories this season, the team doesn't always get recognized for its accomplishments. That should change tem-

porarily during a week that sees the face Thrashers four Canadian opponents — three of them on the road.

'I think it's a stage for us," Atlanta coach John Anderson said in Toronto

"Obviously, you see all the media here. When I talk to media at home,

there's maybe one or two

people.
"I think that our guys feel like it's a centre stage and it's a platform make the rest of the hockey world aware that we do play some good hockey down in Atlanta."

The trip didn't get off a very good start, with the to a very Thrashers drop-ping a 5-2 decision to the Maple Leafs at Air Canada

Centre Monday night. But the team is still one of the NHL's best road clubs with a 9-3-1

Atlanta makes a stop in

Calgary tonight before visiting Vancouver tomorrow. It then returns home for a game against Montreal Saturday night.

Atlanta (15-9-3) is led by its star attraction, captain Ilya Kovalchuk — an elite player who still manages to fly below the radar at

He's scored 16 goals in 21 games — a pace of 62 goals over an 82-game season — and contributes just as much off the ice for the upstart Thrashers.
"Since we made him cap-

tain, he's taken a huge role in running that dressing room," said Anderson.

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Sports in brief

TRADE The Columbus Blue Jackets have acquired defence man Brendan Bell and forward Tomas Kana from the St. Louis Blues in exchange for forward Pascal Pelletier. Columbus general manager Scott Howson announced the trade yesterday. **OLYMPIC HOCKEY** Steve Yzerman is going to name Team Canada a day earlier than expected. Hockey Canada confirmed yesterday that it has

changed the Olympic announcement to the morning of Dec. 30. It had originally been scheduled for New Year's

BIG UNIT Randy Johnson's agent says the Big Unit is still weighing his decision about whether to pitch again in 2010 or retire after 22 major league seasons, Alan Nero, speaking from the winter meetings in Indianapolis, expects to know in the coming weeks whether the 46-year-old Johnson will return for another year.

NFL The chip-shot miss against the New Orleans Saints has cost Canadian kicker Shaun Suisham his job with the Washington Redskins. Suisham, of Wallaceburg, Ont., was cut by the Redskins, who replaced him with Graham Gano from the United Football METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Teahen reaches deal with White Sox

Third baseman Mark Teahen agreed yesterday to a \$14-million US, three-year deal with the Chicago White Sox. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Yanks near big trade

The Yankees, Tigers and Diamondbacks neared agreement yesterday on a three-team trade that would send all-star centrefielder Curtis Granderson from Detroit to New York, a person familiar with the negotiations said.

The World Series champion Yankees would trade right-hander Ian Kennedy to Arizona, and lefty reliever Phil Coke and outfield prospect Austin Jackson to Detroit, the person said on condition of anonymity because the deal was not yet final

Detroit would ship all-

Money issues?

 Detroit may be looking to cut payroll after a big attendance drop this year at Comerica Park.
 Granderson is owed
 \$23.75 million US over the

next three years. star pitcher Edwin Jackson to the Diamondbacks, and Arizona would send touted

young pitchers Max Scherzer and Daniel Schlereth to the Tigers. The teams were still

The teams were still working on technical aspects of the trade, the person said, including checking medical records.

The speedy Granderson would displace Melky Cabrera as centre-fielder on the Yankees. Cabrera, a 25-year-old switch-hitter, batted .274 last season with 13 homers, 68 RBIs and 10 steals. He could shift to left, depending on whether New York re-signs Johnny Damon or designated hitter Hideki Matsui.

A left-handed batter, Granderson was a firsttime all-star last season, when he had 30 homers, 71 RBis and 20 steals.

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Still some kinks in Packers' game

NFL Their defence is on the rise, their offence is doing a better job protecting ofthit quarterback Aaron Rodgers and the Green Bay Packers have won four straight games to put themselves in solid shape for the playoffs.

But Monday night's victory over the Baltimore Ravens showed a few of the problems that have hounded the Packers (8-4) all season might not be going away. They're still drawing an alarming number of penalties, and their special teams seem to choose the worst possible moments to melt down.

The Packers are running out of time to solve those problems before the playoffs, but they are getting much better at bouncing back from their mistakes.

back from their mistakes.
"We didn't lay it down,"
tight end Jermichael Finley
said. "Teams have known
for us to lay it down in the
second half, and we didn't
do that."

The Packers came into



Green Bay's Aaron Rodgers escapes the Baltimore pass rush during Monday's game. The Packers beat the visiting Ravens 27-17.

the season with playoff expectations. But they got off to a disappointing 44 start, giving up too many sacks, drawing penalties and allowing long returns at critical points in games.

at critical points in games. However, the Packers gave up only one sack to the Ravens Monday night and have allowed just four in their last three games. Their defence is clearly getting more comfortable with defensive co-ordinator Dom Capers' 3-4 scheme.

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Sports in brief

SOCCER Bayern Munich scored two goals in each half yesterday to beat Juventus 4-1 and advance to the knockout round of the Champions League. Elsewhere in Champions League action, it was Manchester United 3 Wolfsburg 1, Real Madrid 3 Marseille 1, and Chelsea 2 APOEL Nicosia 2.

HOCKEY Canadian scoring star Cody Hodgson will miss the world junior championship with a back injury. The 19-yearold informed Hockey Canada yesterday that he will not be able to participate in a selection camp that begins Saturday in Regina, and won't play in the Dec. 26-Jan. 5 tournament in Regina and Saskatoon.

FOOTBALL Alabama's Rolando McClain won the Butkus Award as U.S. college football's top linebacker. He was presented the award yesterday morning in a surprise visit by Dick Butkus, a Hall of Fame linebacker and the award's namesake.

BASEBALL Chone Figgins and the Seattle Mariners have finalized their \$36-million US, fouryear contract. The deal for the former Los Angeles Angels sparkplug includes a vesting option for 2014 that could make it worth \$45 million over five years.

NASCAR Danica Patrick signed

with JR Motorsports yesterday to give NASCAR a try, but her schedule in the second-tier Nationwide Series has yet to be determined. Patrick will make her stock car racing debut in the Feb. 6 ARCA race at Daytona International Speedway.

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Universities remain cautious despite endowment rebounds

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Due to a rebound in financial markets, Canadian university endowment funds have recouped much of the losses they suffered during the downturn. Despite gains, universities remain cautious about endowment spending and will continue with the money-saving measures according to University Affairs. METRO NEWS SERVICES

In a new position paper from Colleges Ontario, the presidents of the province's 24 colleges propose the Ontario government adopt four goals to successfully implement a new vision for higher education in the province. These goals include improving student mobility and expanding student choice and aligning PSE with the needs of the transforming economy. The goal, the report states, is to make Ontario a world leader in PSE. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Ontario Colleges' worldly goal

The best Santa you can be

'Tis the Season

Over the next few weeks Metro's Workology section will be shining a light on some of the jobs that pop up around the holiday season and dissappear just as quickly afterwards. Check back every Wednesday.

JON TATTRIE for Metro Canada

for top Santas.

Jennifer Andrews is not a white-bearded, elderly man. "I'm not a jolly fat guy at all!" she laughs, but the 37-year-old is Head Elf at the Santa School, a world-renowned training centre

Based in Calgary, the San-School draws Father Christmases from all over Canada and the U.S., teaches them the secrets of St. Nick, then dispatches them across the continent and beyond, including to the U.K.

and Hong Kong. The school was founded by Victor Nevada, but when he passed away in March, Andrews stepped up to "carry the candy cane."

The school offers a threepronged approach. "We train Santas, we supply outfits and accessories for Santas, and we book out Santas," Andrews explains.
"What makes a Santa great
is what's in his heart, but you can't train that. What we train them to do is ... how to give the full show when they walk through the door."

Santa's got to smell right, look "regal" and keep his beard bushy. Professional actors and voice coaches ensure the ho-ho-hos have a North Pole accent. "We don't want cookie-

cutter Santas. We want them to be their own genuine version of that character, because Santa can't be everywhere all the time," she says. "He's a busy guy." They also train elves and

Mrs. Clauses and bring in real reindeer so the L.A. and Miami Santas can "reunite" with their coworkers for photos. The school goes into overdrive to meet the fall need for new Santas and is planning to start offering a spring course to keep up with demand.

Gerald Cooper could probably set up a Santa school of his own: He's been

Santa school tips

- Stay in character the whole time.
- Have the right outfit.
- Practise your Ho-ho-hos.
- Remember: It's all about
- the love.

slipping into the big red suit since the 1950s. The 74year-old and his wife, Betty, team up as Mr. and Mrs. Claus around Halifax. He loves community centres and hospitals, but swore off shopping malls years ago.

You sit there with this warm suit on for one full hour, and it's a steady stream of kids sitting on your lap," he recalls. He prefers the quality time of a guest appearance. He advises Santas to keep it short: 15 minutes is all you need

bring

of surprising requests for Christmas gifts, including a woman who confid-ed: "Santa, like a man.

No word on what came down her chimney that year



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Office parties: Team building events, or needless expense?



is the season to party it up! Company holiday parties ain't what they used to be, thanks to the economic downturn They've actually been winding down for some time with employers dawning realization that getting staff liquored up isn't really the best idea at any time of year. Bill's off-colour jokes and Sally's stripper dance moves were probably best kept to their personal lives.

But is workplace socializ-ing a good idea in the first place?

Arlene Dickinson says es. She's the sole female on the panel of Dragons' Den, only bringing not woman's perspective to the business ideas that get pitched, but also a mar-keter's viewpoint. Her firm Venture Communications has expanded beyond Calgary to offices in Toronto and Ottawa.

"My company has a regular social outing,' says Arlene. "Every Thursday we shut down at 4 p.m., and head out of the office to spend some time together, to celebrate something that we've achieved as an organization that week." picks up the tab.

Arlene acknowledges that not everybody is social by nature, but she believes this type of team-building exercise contributes to the com-

pany's success.

"It helps the culture of an organization," she says.

"There's no big structure to our get-togethers — it's just a chance for everyone to take a breath, and get to know each other

It's rare for companies to sponsor social time outside of work. Most of the time if there's an after-work beer expedition, co-workers have organized it themselves. But those gatherings can improve a person's feelings about the workplace.

Even if you don't choose to spend valuable personal time with colleagues, it's important to greet people nicely every day, and in-quire about their life outside work. Life is too short to not have a pleasant envi-ronment in which to work.

The Dragons' Den staff



Kevin O'Leary wishes you a happy holiday season. This column will be taking a break until the show starts up in January.

has certainly built a strong team spirit, in part through socializing at "Health and Safety" meetings, the codename for our outings! And the result is on display tonight on television entertaining, informative show that requires plenty of creativity and hard work. The holiday theme of tonight's episode didn't stop the Dragons from in-sulting each other even more than usual - and the production team will be watching at the executive producer's home!

Dianne Buckner hosts Gemini-winning show Dragons' Den. She's also a weekend anchor on the CBC News Network. Dragons' Den airs tonight at 8 p.m. on CBC.

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Ontario has taken the top honours for effective impaired driving laws, while Nunavut was the worst in ratings by Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD). CANADIANDRIVER.COM

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Audi's green win

topped a field that included three hybrids and two diesels to take the award presented at the Los Angeles Auto Show.

Outback's come a long way

Mix of wagon and sport-ute Subaru's winning combo

MARK ATKINSON for Metro Canada

Who can forget those mid-'90s ads starring Aussie actor Paul Hogan shilling for some car company you'd never really heard from before? And that Outback thing he was pushing? It promised more room, better handling and less fuel consumption compared to the best-selling Ford Explorers and Jeep Grand Cherokees of the time. Seemed very cheeky for a station wagon on stilts to suggest it could keep up with the traditional body-

nated the sales charts. Fast forward 15 years, and the Outback is hitting its fourth generation in stride, but still maintaining the same mission as before: to offer the space, performance and abilities of a sport-ute in the silhouette and footprint of a station wagon.

on-frame SUVs that domi-

The new 2010 Outback named the Best New SUV/CUV under \$35K at the Automotive Journalists Association of Canada Awards - remains based on the Legacy sedan, which means that its footprint is longer and wider than before. Taller too.

Most Outbacks receive power from a revised 2.5litre four-cylinder boxer engine that produces 170 hp. In the base car, that engine receives a PZEV (Partial Zero Emissions Vehicle) rating, which is ideal for the enviconscious ronmentally



2010 <mark>Subaru Outback</mark>

Type: Sport utility vehicle Price: from \$28,995 Engine: 2.5L four cylinder **HP:** 170

Highlights

- Combination of sporty
- utility and station wagon Huge cargo space
- Steady on off-roading

crew. The 2.5 receives two new transmissions for 2010: a standard six-speed manual, and the company's new continually variable transmission (CVT). The Lineartronic CVT uses a chain rather than a belt to improve power delivery, and on the road, the standard steering-wheel-mounted

paddle shifters give the driver more than enough

Since the 2.5-litre turbo engine is gone for 2010, the Outback receives the newly enlarged 3.6-litre six-cylinder producing 256 hp, which only comes with five-speed automatic transmission.

To tackle the rough stuff. every Outback uses Subaru's full-time "symmetrical" allwheel drive system, and the revised suspension now rides higher than before, giving more ground clearance than most "real" SUVs. The Outback doesn't feel tippy when driving. In fact, its ability to negotiate rough gravel roads and washouts is highly impressive.

Ĭnside, Subaru has deliv-

control on the road.

ered a spacious cabin with



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improved materials and excellent levels of standard convenience and safety equipment, including a plug-and-play USB audio sys-

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for the 2.5i PZEV - over \$2,000 less than the outgoing '09 - while the 3.6R starts at \$35,695.

Subaru has delivered a larger, more capable vehicle with more equipment and are offering it at a lower price. It makes me wonder if we'll see Crocodile Dundee back behind the wheel anytime soon?



2011 Toyota Sienna.

Sienna revamped for 2011

NEW MODEL An all new, third generation, 2011 Toyota Sienna was unveiled recently at the 2009 Los Angeles Auto Show.

The new Sienna continues to be the only vehicle in its segment that offers an all-wheel-drive option ideal for a changing Canadian climate.

The new model will offer innovative firsts in versatility, refinement, comfort, and entertainment. With the choice of eight models, two powertrains and drivetrains, flexible seating, second row ottoman seating, a wide split-screen entertainment system, and a multipanel panoramic moon-roof, Sienna drivers will be delighted by the made to measure philosophy behind the new model.

"The new Sienna is the perfect vehicle for Canadians with busy lifestyles those who need a vehicle that can switch effortlessly between several roles, day in and day out," said Warren Orton, director, Toyota Canada Inc.

The Sienna was designed by Toyota's Calty Design Research and developed at Toyota Technical Center in Ann Arbor, Mich.

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Volvo makes their cars sing

JIL MCINTOSH for Metro Canada

The sound of silence: that's about all you'll hear in Volvo's acoustic design laboratory in Sweden. It's where Eva Lahti and other engineers spend their days in acoustical isolation, eliminating automotive noises that drivers shouldn't have to hear — as well as designing in the ones they should.

"This is a dedicated Volvo facility, which fully opened this spring," says Lahti, an acoustic engineer who is Attribute Leader for the sound Body Chassis NH division.

"The walls and ceiling are sound-absorbing, with a hard floor. Acoustically, it's like driving outside, where the noise and sound can disappear up into the sky. We're isolated from the surroundings, so we don't get disturbed from cars or airplanes or other

things happening outside. There's also a dyno, so we can drive a four-wheel car without moving the vehicle."

The team works on three types of automotive sounds.

Irritating ones, such as rattles, squeaks or excess road noise, must be eliminated, while informative noises are modulated, including engine sounds or

the noise of dials or buttons being activated.

Finally, there are "impressive" noises, such as a satisfying sound of a door closing.

"We strive for sound that emphasizes the Volvo heritage of environmental care," Lahti

says.

"It's also an image statement to have the right sound. We want sound we think is Scandinavian: clean, pure, and very refined. We also want a sporty note, but not too much like a racing car."



A technician works at the Volvo acoustic design laboratory, which is dedicated to eliminating unwanted noises from a car as well as adding those sounds which make for a better drive.

A tremendous amount of work and a lot of time goes into making a vehicle quiet

"We try to find the weakest link from the engine and suspension, from the exhaust and intake system. and how the body works and where we have to make it stronger," Lahti says.

This can include tuning the engine mounts, calibrating the engine, and following any vibrations from the engine compartment and determining how they are transported through the body into the cabin. It's not simply a case of gluing in more sound-deadening mats, but often redesigning body components.

The exhaust is tuned for a pleasant tone, but the



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Volvo acoustic engineer Eva Lahti

engine can't be too quiet: drivers partially depend on sound to know when to shift the transmission, or determine vehicle speed.

"The wind and road noise inform you of how fast you are going, but it should be on a subdued level," Lahti says.

"You want to have some kind of feedback when you drive; otherwise, you get too much feeling of driving a video game. You do not want to lose your intuitive link with the car."





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Infiniti M unveiled



Infiniti recently unveiled the all-new 2011 Infiniti M sedan. Scheduled to go on sale in Canada in late March 2010, it will be available in two model designations. canadiandriver.com

C-word in time of Copenhagen



anada Customs has just issued a new travel advisory: Don't drag up and down the streets of Copenhagen in a crew-cab pickup with Alberta plates. Maybe even leave your sealskin fur hat at home this time, and certainly keep tire smoking

burnouts to a minimum.

Apparently Copenhagen is currently hosting some kind of UN conference about something called "climate change," and many attendees are not blowing kisses in Canada's

They don't like our tar sands, they don't like it that we've already stated that we'll only sign what the Americans sign, and they particularly don't like the audacity of us publishan Anne of Gables prequel.

An unofficial group made of non-government types, even awarded Canada the first "Fossil of the Day" award, given each day to a country that, in its estimation, is adept at blocking progress at climate summits

There are lots of flash points to this issue, which could be debated until those methane-producing cows come home, but I'm more interested in how automobile users feel at this juncture. Do you suddenly feel like you have a target on your bumper? Is this weighing on your soul?



People look at the Tesla roadster, an all-electric sports car, on display near the Climate Conference in Copenhagen on Monday.

Making choices you can on how you feel, and I think drivers sometimes forget that our choices are not limited to driving. The choices we make in other

aspects of our lives could even have more impact on global warming than our driving habits.

First, let's go over that carbon dioxide deal again. Carbon dioxide (CO2) is

not the only contributor to global warming, but it is by far the biggest one. CO2 is released into the atmosphere by burning fossil fu-els, by decaying and/or burning wood, and by disturbances in the soil's carbon-holding organic matter, through erosion, plowing, mining, etc.

When it comes to manmade causes of CO2, the percentage attributed to passenger cars, pick-up trucks, SUVs, vans, and minivans is about 12-13, according to a 2006 air pollutants study by Environment Canada.

A good-sized chunk, but there other equal or larger chunks - the energy sector accounts for about 52 per cent, transportation (other than light vehicles) accounts for about 13 percent, agriculture about eight per cent, industry about seven per cent, land use about four per cent, and waste about three per cent.

Some advocate that curtailing air travel would have a huge effect, as it produces lots of CO2, and there are less foreseeable ways of increasing its efficiency (nobody, for instance, seems quite ready to board an electric plane

for an overseas flight).
It's all about priorities.
If you need or love to drive, still do it, but maybe do it a bit more responsibly, and maybe check off a few items from the other list, to balance things out a bit — like take less airplane trips, buy more local products, make your house more efficient, burn less wood in

the fireplace.

And maybe make that special effort this year to not set off any huge scraptire fires, because, as you know, it all adds up.

Michael Goetz has been writing about cars and editing automotive publications for over 20 years. He lives in Toronto with his family and a neglected 1967 Jaguar E-type.



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MODEL: 2003 to 2008 Hon-

VEHICLE TYPE: Sport Utility
APPROXIMATE USED PRICE **RANGE:** \$13,000 to \$30,000

HISTORY/DESCRIPTION:

full-sized sport utility vehi-cle (SUV), Honda's Pilot's got room for up to eight people, plenty of storage and a towing capacity of over 2,000 kilograms. For Honda drivers with busy families, cottages and power-toys, the Pilot was the machine of choice.

Shopping used, look for hardware like a sunroof,

navigation system, premium audio, heated leather seating and automatic climate control. Pilot trim-level nomenclature saw models labeled LX for entry-level, EX and EX-L for midrange, and EX-L Navi for

top of the line. Power in all models came from a 3.5 litre VTEC V6 engine which developed either 240 or 244 horsepower depending on the year selected. No V8 was avail-

WHAT OWNERS LIKE: Most owners love the room, capability and feeling of security the Pilot delivers on

the road. A commanding driving position, comfortable ride and reasonably responsive steering and brakes are commonly enjoyed, too.

OWNERS HATE: Common complaints deal **Second** with the durability of paint Gear and interior materials. Some report owners paint that chips easily, and leather that's easily scuffed and damaged.

Some owners have wished for a telescoping steering column or a more powerful stereo system, too.

front footwell carpeting for moisture, as there have been several reports of a water leak into the passenger compartment. Wet carpeting can cause mildew, mold and rust to the floor beneath.

Check for proper operation of all interior accessories, paying special attention to both the front and rear climate-control blower motors. These should turn on quickly and be free of questionable sounds.
Pay attention to the shift

quality of the Pilot's transmission, and note any hesitation, grinding or unwelcome sensations while driving. Shifts should



A pre-owned Honda Pilot is a great option if you are looking for reliability and plenty of storage.

smooth and consistent.

Otherwise, common-sense used SUV shopping tips are key here. Fully inspect the Pilot's underside for signs of leaks, dents, excessive rust or holes.

Also, note that Pilot's engine uses a timing belt which needs periodic replacement. Be sure the

timing belt in your used Pilot isn't overdue for a change.

THE VERDICT: Pilot lacks V8 power and has a few issues to watch for, but one could certainly do worse in the reliability department where a large family hauler is concerned.

The best ski resorts for non-skiers

Skiers want nothing but to be on the slopes this time of year. But what if they bring friends or family along who don't ski? Shermans Travel has come up with a list of 10 of the best ski resorts in the world for non-skiers. Check it out at shermanstravel.com. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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In less than a New York minute

The Best of New York In Just 10 Seconds is a select guide to the best places to stay, eat, shop and explore in Manhattan. The guide offers tips on how to uncovers local treasures, or to plan the perfect, well-rounded vacation. The guide is available online at just10 seconds.com and will be available as an iPhone and Blackberry application in early 2010.

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Cruising into the Central American past

Far from the movie 2012, ancient Mayan culture comes alive at Altun Ha's sacrificial temple

JOHN AND SANDRA NOWLAN for Metro Canada

It's hard to compete with Bingo. Especially on a cruise ship.

For us, illustrated lectures about upcoming countries and ports are just as important as evening entertainment and fine dining. But on a recent cruise to Central America the always popular Bingo games seemed to coincide with the fascinating lectures by Jim Forrester, an historian from Hamilton, Ont.

Forrester just shrugged his shoulders and said, "That's life," as he enthusiastically presented his illustrated talks about Central America to the couple of dozen guests who appreciated his knowledge of the history and geography of Honduras, Guatemala and Belize.

We chose the Norwegian Pearl for the cruise out of Miami mainly because its itinerary was not the usual Caribbean circuit of tropical islands with endless jewellery stores and souvenir shops Professor Forrester was particularly enthusiastic about our stop at Belize City, the largest community in the country formerly known as British Honduras. Belize is the only English speaking country in Central or South America.

"The British took over a coastal pirate hideout in the mid-1600s," Forrester said. "They used the town as a base to send ma-



Returning from Belize, the Norwegian Pearl stops for the day at its private beach in the Bahamas.

hogany and other precious wood overseas and it grew into a major port. Compared with Honduras, the country is quite prosperous and children are well fed and well educated."

Many cruise ship passengers joined us for a 50 km bus ride to the remarkable ruins at Altun Ha. Altun Ha became famous in 1968 when Canadian archaeologist Dr. David Pendergast discovered a jaede head in a tomb. Now known to represent the Mayan Sun God, the jade head is valued at \$60 million and is locked in a bank vault in Belize City. Our guide, Ken.

who takes pride in being 90 per cent Mayan, told us that the Jade Head will likely never be displayed for the public. "Officials are terrified it will be stolen," he said. "Only VIPs have seen it."

Still, at Altun Ha, there is a lot to be seen as excavation continues around a plaza and thirteen remarkable structures have been unearthed, the tallest of which is the 20 metre Temple of Masonry Altar. A steep, single staircase leads to the top of the alter where major religious ceremonies took place.

"In all Mayan communi-

ties, the higher the building the closer you are to the gods," Ken told us. "But this site is unique. There is evidence of animal sacrifice here but none that shows human sacrifice. Maybe people were happy and felt no need to sacrifice humans. We just don't know."

Back on the Norwegian Pearl, Hotel Manager, Dallas Easterley, gives much of the credit for the line's cruise to Executive Chef Neil Allem of Toronto.

Norwegian Cruise Line generally attracts middle class families or those on a modest budget. But it com-



The Mayan guide speaks to visitors at Altun Ha's major temple.

pares very favourably with the higher end lines. We were impressed not only by the Central America itinerary but by the attention to detail on the ship. We're just not sure about the Bingo.



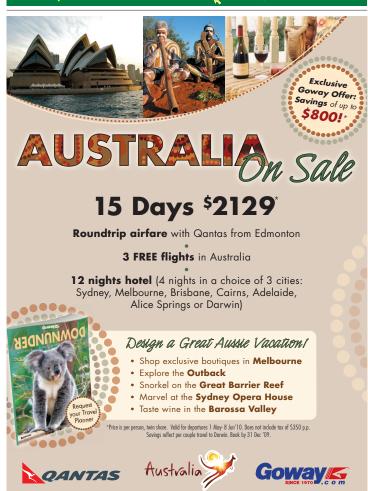




When looking for a guide on scuba diving tours, it's best to pay a little more for an experienced diver. Not only is it safer to go with an established instructor, they will be able to show you the little known treasures in the area. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Decompression effect

Unwind at a scuba diver's paradise on Bonaire

On a slow ascent to the surface of the water from 18 m down, the divemaster spots something thrilling along the reef and extends her hand, all five fingers wiggling excitedly. It's a signal that can only mean one thing: octopus!

Scuttling around coral, the octopus quickly scrunches up into an eightarmed torpedo and squirts away. Soon, it stops to unfold itself on a sandy patch of the reef — almost as if to pose the best side of its bulbous, mushy head. Then, it camouflages into the seascape right before our eyes.

It's a surprise to see how quickly the shape-shifter fades into the reef's backdrop. But surprises tend to be the norm in this unique marine park, with a plentiful array of coral, fish and sea creatures. It doesn't take many dives to find validation in the words on vehicle license plates back on land, dubbing Bonaire Diver's Paradise.

With more than 350 species of fish on a reef that circles small island, divers tend to focus on making the most of water visibility that can extend to about 30m in mostly calm waters.

The predominant recreational activity here often requires the silent communication of hand signals and it's a quiet that's also often present on land.



What Bonaire lacks in clubs, it makes up for in great dive spots.

Bonaire lacks loud discos, and there's little demand for 2 a.m. last calls. The island offers some nightlife with waterside restaurants, a small casino with \$5 minimum blackiack and bars with acoustic

guitar players. But the bright lights you'll see here at night will most likely be coming from un-derwater, as divers search for small nocturnal sea creatures near shore.

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Check out Captain Don's \$29 for shore diving (covers equipment), \$50 for a boat dive, \$15 for snorkel or boat ride, \$47 for cave tours.



Travel warnings continued to be issued for Mali. After continued terrorism and kidnapping threats, travel agencies are urging tourists to avoid Timbuktu, which is located in the northern part of the country. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Revelstoke getting recognition

Ski.com has added Revelstoke Mountain Resort, a new ski destination in British Columbia, to its top 100 list.

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snowcat skiing. It's located in the Monashee and Selkirk mountains in southeastern British Columbia, with a 1,713-metre vertical rise and the longest ski run available anywhere in North America, which goes for 15 kms.

Revelstoke also offers ski-in, ski-out accommodations at Nelsen Lodge at the base of Mount Mackenrie Ski.com's deals include five nights at Nelsen in a two-bedroom and four-day lift tickets, from \$890 per person on quadruple occupancy, available Jan. 5-23 Visit revelstoke.ski.com

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Jersey Shore nothing like MTV's show

TRAVEL It's not summertime and it's nothing like the MTV reality

But the Jersey Shore does offer plenty to do for visitors this time of year: Main Street shopping, outlet malls and holiday activities

Jersey Shore Premium Outlets in Tinton Falls and Jackson Premium Outlets in Jackson both have bus departures from Manhattan's Port Authority and NJ Transit stops. For Main Street shopping, check out Cookman Avenue in Asbury Park and the downtowns of Ocean Grove, Toms River, Spring Lake, and Red Bank. For antiques, hit Point Pleasant Beach for the Antique Emporium, Fond Memories Antiques and Canvas House Antiques.

To make a weekend out of it, boutique hotels include Blue Bay Inn in Atlantic Highlands, the Victorian style Majestic B&B in Ocean Grove, and the Oyster Point and Molly Pitcher Inn in Red Bank. The outlet malls also have shop and stay deals with over two dozen area hotels; details at premiumoutlets.com.

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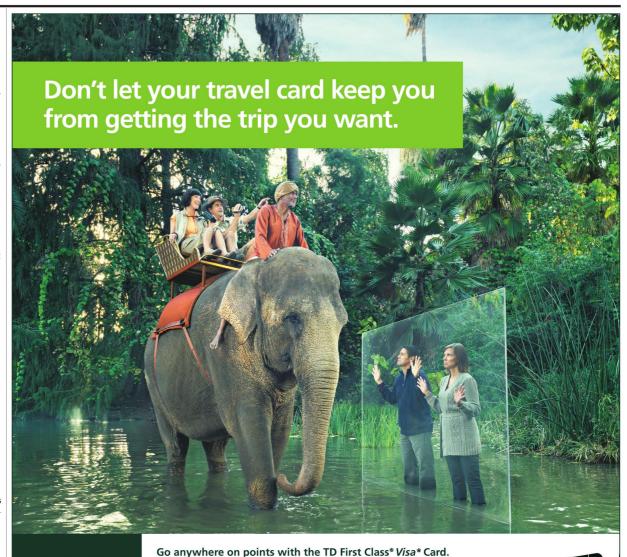
Potter's magic coming to Canada

SCIENCE This spring, Harry Potter fans across Canada will have the chance to step inside the famous wizard's magical world when Harry Potter: The Exhibition opens at the Ontario Science Centre, its first venue outside the United States, on April 9.

Visitors will experience dramatic environments inspired by the Harry Potter film sets and see the amazing craftsmanship behind more than 200 authentic costumes and film props.

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Emily Blunt is learning to play the ukulele. The actress — who stars as Princess of Lilliputia in new movie Gulliver's Travels has taken up the guitar-like instrument after seeing co-stars Jack Black and Billy Connolly play it on set. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

Back to The Hills Entertainment

Kristen Wiig to host SNL **Christmas**

TV Kristen Wiig's recurring character Gilly might not seemed filled with holiday cheer, yet NBC is turn-



ing to her to host a Saturday Night Live Christmas special.

SNL Presents: A Very Gilly Christmas will air Dec. 17. The two-hour special, will be led by Wiig's Gilly, an ever-smiling Annie-lookalike who delights in violent mischief. The special will feature new sketches and highlights of classic holiday SNL sketches.

Wiig is considered a standout performer on the NBC sketch comedy show. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Film legend comes to life

Me and Orson Wells depicts director at his peak

PHIL BROWN for Metro Canada

Richard Linklater is an unpredictable director who has created a variety of very different films over his 18-year career; ranging from the psychedelic philosophy essay Waking Life, to the melancholic high school comedy Dazed And Confused and the family-friendly Jack Black vehicle School Of Rock.

"Like any person I'm interested in a lot of things and I try not to limit myself as a filmmaker," Linklater told Metro.

"If I'm interested in something, I'm always looking for a way to try and express it on film. That's kind of the prism that I see life through."

His latest movie, Me And Orson Welles, is the story of a young boy who stumbles into Orson Welles' famous 1937 production of Julius Caesar and gets a crash course on life and theater from the larger than life personality.

For Linklater it was a chance to explore Orson Welles without being dragged down by the conventions of a biopic.

"The biopic is a lame genre and hard to pull off," said Linklater. "Orson said Linklater. "Orson Welles is just too big to contain in a single film and it would be foolish to try. I felt more confident about biting off a small piece and focusing on one week in

Movie **feature**

his life in 1937."

By focusing on this peri-od, Linklater was able to depict Welles at the peak of his creative power and success, while hinting at the flaws that would lead to his eventual downfall.

"You can look at this movie and you can see the genius, but you can also see the seeds of destruction,' said Linklater.

It's a surprisingly complex portrait of Welles and one that required an immensely talented actor to take on the challenging role. Fortunately Linklater was able to find the previously unknown British actor Christian McKay, who



Christian McKay and Zac Efron star in Me And Orson Wells.

captures Welles better than

any actor has before. "From here on it's sort of scorched Earth," quipped Linklater. "You'd be crazy to play Orson after Christian McKay because who could ever combine not only the physical resemblance, but the verve and depth that he brings to it."

Linklater lucked out with

McKay and was also able to land teen heartthrob Zac Efron to lend the movie a star name as the innocent young protagonist who is burned and inspired by Welles. The result is unlike anything Linklater's done before, while still retaining the intelligence and character-driven storytelling that defines his best work.



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Hollywood grinch?

Fewer festive films released in recent years

DOROTHY ROBINSON Metro World News

who can?

If Robert Zemeckis can't save the Christmas film,

The director of 2004's holiday hit The Polar Express, which went on to make \$180 million worldwide, is having a hard time pushing his new high-tech adaptation of Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol. The film, which cost \$200 million US to make, only took in \$30 million its opening weekend, disappointing Disney's expectations (by comparison, Universal's 2000 re-The Grinch, also voiced by Jim Carrey, took in more than \$260 million worldwide).

And it's not like viewers are going to see other festive films; the only other holiday-themed movie being released this season is Everybody's Fine. So what gives? Where is this year's Four Christmases?

"Over the last couple of years, Hollywood has not seen 'This is Christmas'type movies win over audiences. And once failure is evident, the knee-jerk is to another way," Richard Laermer, author of 2011: Trendspotting for the Next Decade. (Remember

In **brief**

PEOPLE Elton John's partner says the musician was devastat ed that he wasn't allowed to adopt an HIV-positive Ukrainian toddler, but plans to support the boy anyway. The 62-year-old pop star met 14month-old Lev at a home for HIV-positive children in September. But he was refused permission to adopt the boy because he was too old and not married

MUSIC A former manager of The Fray says the band owes his company more than \$750,000 in commission and expenses. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS





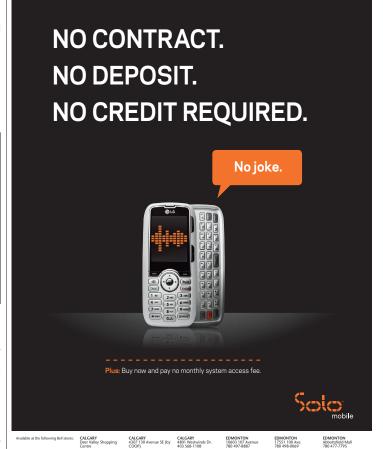


A Christmas Carol took in \$30 million its opening weekend, a disappointment when compared to holiday movies of years past.

Fred Claus? Yeah, neither do

So it seems like the stuare launching the blockbusters instead — films such as 2012, Avatar and The Princess and the Frog - this Christmas season to keep audiences hap-

And as it turns out, the studios haven't lost their holiday spirit — they're just focusing on a different one. "There is a dearth of holiday films in 2009 because the big trend is the 'group star movie,' thanks to the ridiculous success of He's Just Not That Into You," says Laermer. "All the studio eggs are in films like next year's Valentine's Day, which stars one type of actor for each segment — everyone from the two Taylors (Lautner and Swift), Ashton (Kutcher), Julia Roberts, Anne Hathaway and Shirley Hathaway MacLaine."



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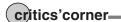
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w & Order: Special Victims

Following the deaths of three children, Fin (Ice-T) realizes they were all "anchor babies" of immigrant families, and he reaches out to the Center of Immigrant Services, which has been inundated with hate mail fanned by a talk show host who hates foreigners. It isn't long before he witnesses a fight between immigration lawyer Randall Carver (guest star John Larroquette) and a fan (guest star Thomas Sadoski) of the talk show host in "Anchor." 10 PM on KHQ



Greg Frewin Magic Man: Home for the Holidays

Homegrown illusionist Frewin has made plenty of television appearances, but this new special is his first one-man show. Taped at his theater in Niagara Falls, Ont., it gives viewers a behind-the-scenes peek at what goes into his performances — no secrets revealed, though! — and culminates in one of his biggest, wildest illusions yet. 9 PM on

26 entertainment



From Breakfast Club cutie to convicted killer

Anthony Michael Hall returns to primetime as a killer in a guest spot on CBS' CSI: Miami, people.com reports. In the episode airing next year, Hall will play a charismatic former emergency room doctor who is now a convicted murderer. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celebrity Buzz

Rihanna dreams of the silver screen

SONGSTRESS TO ACTRESS Rihanna has revealed she has a naughty streak and gets a thrill from trying new things. "I'm a bad girl and I like dangerous stuff.' The 21-year-old beauty is keen to transfer her love of danger onto the big screen. Earlier in the year, the hitmaker had a string of meetings with film bosses and was believed to be in line to star in a remake of The Bodyguard. Rihanna was also thought to be looking into working



Cyrus bares belly in front of the Queen

MY BELLY BUTTON Miley Cyrus was anything but reserved when meeting the Queen at Monday's Royal Variety Awards in London,

HELLO YOUR HIGHNESS, MEET

usmagazine.com reports. Cyrus, 17, sported tiny leather hotpants and a crop top while performing

at the starstudded event METRO



Thurman is manless again

man is single again, people.com reports. The actress broke off her yearlong engagement to Swiss multimillionaire Arpad (Arki) Busson on Nov. 15. "The engagement ended awhile back — almost two months ago," says a source. "They remain friends.'

The couple began dating in the summer of 2007, and one year later, Busson proposed with an eight-plus carat engagement ring.

Just don't expect to see that ring on Thurman's finger anytime soon. "She will probably give it back," says

"She wants to re-

turn everything that is



n't planning to marry her London-based fiancé any time soon.

"I'm happily engaged but we haven't set a wedding up," she told W magazine. I'm not in a rush to do anything. One day we'll do it, when we're ready.

"We can't live anywhere else because my children's father lives here. We'll figure it out.'

Apparently, Busson is "beside himself" that they weren't able to figure things out, people.com adds.

The businessman has two sons with his former flame, supermodel Elle MacPherson, Thurman has a son and daughter with ex-husband Ethan Hawke.

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Brangelina not adopting for now

SECRET MENTOR While Angelina Jolie's visit to the Middle East with Brad Pitt recently sparked speculation that the power couple was planning to adopt another child, the National Enquire has learned that they were actually visiting seven children Jolie has been secretly supporting for years. "Angelina considers the orphans as her own family. She stays in touch with them and really cares about how they are doing," a source says. "She was giving them advice



Mirren doesn't mind being naked

DISROBING FOR DRAMA Helen Mirren admits she's much more comfortable going without clothes onscreen. "It's more to do with the role." says the 64-year-old actress,

according to Showbiz Spv.

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Celebrity tweets

Lady Gaga preps to meet royalty, Penn Jillette knows how to have a good time, Stephen Fry can even make blogging sound classy, and Elisabeth Hasselbeck

gets her Twitter hijacked by Adam Lambert.

whiskey, fish + chips in the UK to prepare for the Queen

@pennjillette Off to LA for the day. A couple of TV pitches and, in between we'll try dressing a cow like an elephant. There's no business like it.

@stephenfry Brekkers time: then I really must get down and concentrate on a blog that I've been meaning to post for simply

Gehasselheck Hev this is Adam Lambert!!! Elizabeth is lettin me tweet from her phone!!! Me and Liz!



Jay-Z living his own Party Life

DA BIG 4-0 Jay-Z turned 40 in style, with a party in the Dominican Republic featuring synchronized swimmers and fireworks. METRO WORLD NEWS

Spellings kiss and make up

IT'S ALL FOR THE CHILDREN After years of feuding, Tori Spelling and her mother Candy Spelling are putting their differences aside for the sake of Tori's kids, peo-ple.com reports. "They have been in communications," Tori's husband Dean McDermott told People. "Candy has seen the kids, which is what this is

all about." Tori, 36, and Candy, 64, have had a long-standing feud since family patriarch Aaron Spelling died two years ago. Both wrote tell-

all books — each taking jabs at each other.

And earlier this year Candy wrote a public letter to Tori in response to the season finale of her reality show Tori & Dean: Home Sweet Hollywood. In the finale, Tori agonizes about

inviting

doesn't show.) Candy accused her daughter of using her grandchildren Liam, 2, and

Candy to her daughter's

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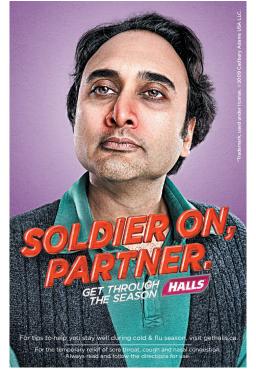
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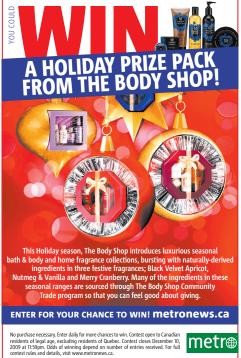
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staying mum.
"We are keeping all this private like it should be,'

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Sudoku For more/less challenging Sudoku puzzles, visit metro

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Take Five



Brie Turkey Pockets with Cabbage and Walnuts

INGREDIENTS:

1 oz (30 g) fresh ginger, peeled and grated 1 dessert apple, peeled, cored and grated 4 thick turkey breasts 5 oz (150 g) brie, cut into 4 wedges 3 tbsp (45 mL) olive oil

1 lb (500 g) green cabbage, finely shredded 8 scallions, sliced 1 3/4 oz (50 g) walnuts,

chopped METHOD:

1. Preheat oven to 460°F (240°C). Mix ginger and apple. Cut horizontally through each turkey breast (not all the way through). Divide ginger and apple mixture among pockets, then push wedge of cheese into each. Press meat together into shape and push filling evenly in pockets.

2. Put pockets neatly in one layer in shallow ovenproof dish. Brush with 1 tbsp (15 mL) oil and sprinkle with seasoning to taste. Bake until turkey is browned on top and cooked through, and filling is running out in

3. Meanwhile, heat remaining oil in large pan and add cabbage, scallions and walnuts. Cook over medium heat, stirring, until cabbage is reduced in volume and lightly cooked. Add seasoning to taste. Transfer pockets to plates. Add some cabbage to each plate and serve immediately.

SERVES 4

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For nutritional info mation on this and other great recipes, go to rd.ca or check out Key Ingredients in this month's r's Digest, on



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MARCH 21-APRIL 20

The Sun in Sagittarius at this time of year will introduce you to new ways of thinking and new ways of making sense of the world..

LIBRA SEPT 23-OCT 23

Even if you are the kind of Li bra who tends to be inhibited in social situations you will have a lot of fun today.

TAURUS APRIL 21-MAY 21

With Venus, your ruler, transiting the wealth area of your chart at the moment you have no choice but to focus on what you earn.

SCORPIO

OCT 24-NOV 22 Common sense should tell you that your winning streak is going to end sooner or later, so now would be a good time to cash in some of your chips.

GEMINI

On the web

BUT SURELY, LOUISE,

MAY 22-JUNE 21 Venus in the partnership area of your chart makes it easy to get along with all kinds of people

SAGITTARIUS NOV 23-DEC 21

Your luck is well and truly in at the moment, so take a few risks over the next 24 hours – in fact take as many as you

CANCER JUNE 22-JULY 22

Something unexpected will happen today, something that casts doubts on your longterm ambitions.

CAPRICORN DEC 22-IAN 20

At this time of year you may have all sorts of dreams and desires, but you must be realistic about them

JULY 23-AUG 23

This is one of the best times of the year for you and whatever decisions you take over the next few days they are sure to work out for the best.

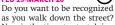
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JAN 21-FEB 18
Sometimes it can be all too easy to get carried away and start thinking you can do things that are physically im-

VIRGO AUG 24-SEPT 22

You need to be more open with partners and loved ones and relatives. Find the right words to convey your feelings and then just say them.

PISCES FEB 19-MARCH 20



as you walk down the street? Now is the time to start doing the things that will make it happen.

Today in history

1793 - New York City's first daily newspaper, the Ameri-

can Minerva, is established by Noah Webster. 1851 – The first YMCA in North America is established in Montreal, Quebec.

1905 - In France, the law separating church and state is passed. 1960 – The first episode of Britain's longest running tele-

vision soap opera Coronation Street is broadcast. 1979 - The eradication of the smallpox virus is certified, making smallpox the first and to date only human disease driven to extinction

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a large global database to notify you
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date or venue, then buy tickets right
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TuneWiki

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\$0.99 • Convert currency, length, mass, time and more. Convertbot's simple, intuitive interface makes conversion easy, even handling mixed units, like feet and inches.

It's amazing how much stuff you can do with an iPhone. With all kinds of apps to help with everything from shopping to gaming to cooking to tweeting. In fact, there are over 90,000 apps for just about anything, only on the iPhone.



